

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 through 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 16, and add claims 17 through 23, as follows:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising

3 [[a)] a collection drum ~~which is~~ rotatably drivable about its drum axis and
4 ~~comprises~~ and comprised of first rests with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly
5 distributed over the circumference and extending in their longitudinal extension parallel to
6 the drum axis, as well as conveyor elements for conveying the printed products on the first
7 saddles in the axial direction along the firsts rests,

8 [[b)] and comprising a conveyor ~~means~~ device which comprises a conveyor path
9 with a conveyor direction which at least in a transfer region deviates from the axial direction
10 as well as second rests, movable in the conveyor path, with second saddles arranged
11 distanced to one another and arranged transversely to the conveying direction,

12 [[c)] wherein the conveyor ~~means~~ device in the transfer region is arranged adjacent
13 to a collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products
14 may be transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor ~~means~~ device or vice versa,

15 wherein

16 [[d)] for the second rests movable in the conveyor path there is provided a conveyor
17 unit detached from the collection drum.

1 2. (Currently Amended)) A device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the second saddles~~
2 ~~at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal~~
3 ~~distance in the conveyor path~~ comprising the conveyor device accommodating operating
4 conditions with selected ones of wire saddle stitching stations, adhering stations, and an
5 additional collection station disposed to directly modify the printed products while the
6 printed products are carried by the conveyor device on an upper side of the conveyor device.

1 3. (Currently Amended)) A device according to claim [[1]] 2, ~~wherein the second~~
2 ~~saddles at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined,~~
3 ~~equal distance in the conveyor path, wherein the equal distance of the saddles corresponds~~
4 ~~to the distance between the first saddles in the circumferential direction of the collection~~
5 ~~drum~~ comprising bending elements integrated with the second rests, and at least one stapling
6 apparatus operationally aligned with the conveyor assembly as a working station
7 operationally engaging the bending elements.

1 4. (Currently Amended)) A device according to claim 3, ~~wherein the rotational~~
2 ~~speed of the collection drum and the conveyor speed introduced into the conveyor means by~~
3 ~~way of the conveyor unit may be matched to one another in a manner such that always in each~~
4 ~~case a first saddle and a second saddle with their sides facing one another reach the transfer~~
5 ~~region essentially at the same time and run through it essentially equally quickly~~ comprising

6 the stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately parallel to the
7 conveyor path.

1 5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~wherein the conveyor means~~
2 ~~device in the transfer region comprises a deflection means or a diverting means on which the~~
3 ~~second rests are movable in a manner such that at least those sides of the first saddles and of~~
4 ~~the second saddles facing one another run through circular arc sections on planes adjacent~~
5 ~~to one another, wherein the circular arc sections are preferably concentric~~ comprised of the
6 second rests being movably supported on rails.

1 6. (Currently Amended)) A device according to claim [[1]] ~~5, wherein the axial~~
2 ~~direction and the conveyor direction are essentially perpendicular to one another at least in~~
3 ~~the region of the collection drum end~~ comprising the second rests on side opposite the second
4 saddles being supported on at least one rail.

1 7. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the second rests are movably
2 supported on rails.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 7, ~~wherein~~ comprising the
2 second rests on their side lying sides opposite the second saddles ~~are~~ being supported on at
3 least one rail, ~~and/or in their half close to the saddle at least on a side limiting the~~

4 ~~longitudinal extension of the second rests are movably supported on a rail.~~

1 9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~wherein working stations,~~
2 ~~such as comprising the conveyor device accommodating operating connections with selected~~
3 ~~ones of~~ inserting stations, binding stations, ~~in particular~~ wire saddle stitching stations,
4 adhering stations, ~~further~~ and an additional collection ~~stations and so on may be allocated~~
5 ~~to the conveyor means~~ station disposed to directly modify the printed products while the
6 printed products are carried by the conveyor device.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ comprising the
2 second saddles of the second rests in the complete conveyor path are movable in parallel with
3 a predefined, equal distance to one another, ~~for which in the conveyor means there are~~
4 ~~preferably provided~~ and conveyor devices ~~which~~ disposed to cooperate with the second rests
5 ~~in their half which is~~ close to the saddle.

1 11. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein the working stations may be
2 allocated to the conveyor means in an exchangeable sequence.

1 12. (Original) A device according to claim 10, wherein the working stations may be
2 allocated to the conveyor means in an exchangeable sequence.

1 13. (Original) A device according to claim 9, wherein in the second rests, preferably
2 integrated, there are arranged bending means, and to the conveyor means there may be
3 allocated at least one stapling apparatus as a working station which preferably is movably
4 mounted on a rail guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim ~~10~~ 1, ~~wherein in the second~~
2 ~~rests, preferably integrated, there are arranged~~ comprising bending means elements
3 integrated with the second rests, and ~~to the conveyor means there may be allocated~~ at least
4 one stapling apparatus operationally aligned with the conveyor means as a working station
5 ~~which preferably is~~ movably mounted on a rail guided parallel to the conveyor path.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the conveyor means
2 is designed as a revolving conveyor ~~means~~ with an upper and a lower side ~~or in [belt face]~~
3 ~~the form of a conveyor means~~ with an essentially horizontal conveyor path.

1 16. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed
2 products, comprising:

3 [[a]] a collection drum rotatably drivable about a drum axis, comprising first rests
4 with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over a circumference and
5 extending in longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, and conveyor elements for
6 conveying the printed products on the first saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests;

7 and

8 [[b)]] a conveyor assembly arranged adjacent to a collection drum end of the
9 collection drum to accommodate transfer of the printed products between the collection drum
10 end and the conveyor assembly, comprising a conveyor path with a conveyor direction
11 deviating in a transfer region from the axial direction, second rests, a conveyor unit detached
12 from the collection drum, disposed to propel the second rests along the conveyor path, and
13 second saddles arranged distanced apart from one another and arranged transversely to the
14 conveying direction.

1 17. (New) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products,
2 comprising:

3 a collection drum rotatably driveable about a drum axis, said collection drum
4 comprising a terminal portion bearing first rests with first saddles, said first rests being
5 uniformly distributed over a circumference and extending in longitudinal extension parallel
6 to the drum axis, and conveyor elements disposed to convey the printed products on the first
7 saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests; and

8 a conveyor assembly selectively alignable spaced-apart from an end of the
9 collection drum to accommodate transfer of the printed products between the terminal
10 portion and the conveyor assembly, the conveyor assembly comprising a conveyor path with
11 a conveyor direction deviating in a transfer region from the axial direction, second rests
12 bearing second saddles arranged distanced apart from one another and arranged transversely

13 to the conveying direction, a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum and disposed
14 to propel the second rests around a second axis radially displaceable from said drum axis and
15 along the conveyor path.

1 18. (New) A device according to claim 17, comprising bending elements integrated
2 with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally aligned with the
3 conveyor assembly as a working station operationally engaging the bending elements, the
4 stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately parallel to the
5 conveyor path.

1 19. (New) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products,
2 comprising:

3 a collection drum rotatably driveable about a hub exhibiting a drum axis, the
4 collection drum providing a terminal portion forming a transfer region, said terminal portion
5 comprising first rests bearing first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over
6 a circumference and extending in longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, and
7 conveyor elements arrayed to convey the printed products on the first saddles in an axial
8 direction along the firsts rests; and

9 a conveyor assembly positionably spaced-apart from said terminal portion to
10 rotate around a second axis displaceable from coaxial alignment with said drum axis to
11 accommodate to within a transfer region of the collection drum, transfer of printed products

12 between the first rests and a plurality of second rests borne by the conveyor assembly along
13 a conveyor path deviating in the transfer region from the axial direction, by providing
14 alignment between the first rests and the second rests within the transfer region, said
15 conveyor assembly comprising a conveyor unit detached from the collection drum and
16 disposed to propel the second rests along the conveyor path.

1 20. (New) A device according to claim 18, comprising bending elements integrated
2 with the second rests, and at least one stapling apparatus operationally aligned with the
3 conveyor assembly as a working station operationally engaging the bending elements, the
4 stapling apparatus being movably mounted on a rail guided approximately parallel to the
5 conveyor path.

1 21. (New) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products,
2 comprising

3 a collection drum rotatably drivable about its drum axis and comprised of first rests
4 with first saddles, said first rests being uniformly distributed over the circumference and
5 extending in their longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, as well as conveyor
6 elements for conveying the printed products on the first saddles in the axial direction along
7 the firsts rests, and a conveyor device comprising a revolving conveyer having an upper side
8 and a lower side, a conveyor path with a conveyor direction which at least in a transfer region
9 deviates from the axial direction, second rests movable in the conveyor path, and second

10 saddles arranged distanced to one another and arranged transversely to the conveying
11 direction, with the conveyor device in the transfer region arranged adjacent to an end of the
12 collection drum to enable carriage of the printed products to be transferred from an end to
13 the conveyor device or vice versa, and the second rests being movable propelled along the
14 conveyor path independently from the collection drum.

1 22. (New) The device of claim 21, further comprising at least one station
2 positioned radially on an inside of the revolving conveyor, disposed to modify printed
3 products carried by the revolving conveyor.

1 23. (New) The device of claim 21, further comprising a securement system
2 disposed along the lower side hindering printed products from escaping from carriage with
3 the second rests.